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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) The invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1 -7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipate by Nebrigic
 (U.S. Patent # 6,370,046 B1)

Nebrigic et al.'s figures 5 and 12 discloses all the claimed subject matters, including first and second storage devices connected between the voltage source and the voltage

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regulator, a means for connecting, means for disconnecting and means for switching (column 16, line 35-70 and column 17, line 1-70+).

3. Claims 1 -19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipate by Young (U.S. Patent # 5,889,428).

In regards to claims 1,5,9 and 14, Young discloses claimed invention an apparatus for controlling a voltage regulator comprising: a voltage source; a first and second storage devices connected between the voltage source and the regulator; means for connecting the first storage device to the voltage source and disconnecting it from the second storage device and the voltage regulator until the voltage on the first storage device reaches a predetermined level; means for disconnecting the first storage device from the voltage source and connecting it to the second storage device and the voltage regulator until the input voltage to the voltage regulator falls below a predetermined level; and means for switching the storage devices between the two modes of operation (figure 4 and Abstract, line 1-30).

In regards to claims 2-4,6-8,10-13 and 15-19, Young also discloses claimed subject matters such as "capacitors connected in parallel, the switching is performed by two switches connected in series, the first storage device is substantially larger than the second storage, the control circuit, and so on... (column 7, line 1-50, column 1, line 5-35). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rajnikant B Patel whose telephone number is 305-7042. The examiner can normally be reached on 6.30-5.00; m-f.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on 703-308-1680. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-3431.

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